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Information circular**

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **Education grant and special education grant for disabled children**

1. The purpose of the present circular is to advise staff members of the decision of the General Assembly, in its resolution 61/239 of 22 December 2006, to approve increases in:

(a) The level of maximum admissible expenses and maximum reimbursement levels in the following six countries/currency areas: Denmark (krone), Ireland (euro), Italy (euro), Sweden (krona), United States dollar in the United States of America and the United States dollar area outside the United States of America;

(b) The flat sum for boarding costs applicable for staff at designated duty stations under the education grant system.

2. The General Assembly decided also that:

(a) The maximum admissible expenses and the maximum education grant should remain at the current levels for France, except for the following schools in France where a separate maximum admissible expense level equal to that applicable to the United States of America should apply: American School of Paris, British School of Paris, International School of Paris, American University of Paris, Marymount School of Paris and European Management School of Lyon;

(b) The education claims for Norway should be included in the United States dollar area outside the United States. The separate zone of Norway is therefore discontinued;

(c) The special measures be maintained for China, Indonesia, and the Russian Federation, which would allow organizations to reimburse 75 per cent of actual expenses up to and not exceeding the maximum expenditure level in force for the United States dollar inside the United States of America.

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3. The General Assembly approved, with effect from the school year in progress on 1 January 2007, the recommendation of the International Civil Service Commission that the eligibility period for the education grant should continue up to the end of the school year in which the child completes four years of post-secondary studies even if a degree had been attained after three years and students would continue to be subject to the age limit of 25 years.

4. The table contained in the annex to the present circular supersedes annex III to information circular ST/IC/2005/25 of 12 May 2005 on the education grant and special education grant for disabled children.

5. The revised amounts reflected in the table are effective as from the school year in progress on 1 January 2007.

Annex

Education grant entitlements applicable in cases where educational expenses are incurred in currencies stated below

(Effective as from the school year in progress on 1 January 2007)

Currency	*(1)* *Maximum amount admissible educational expenses and maximum grant for disabled children*	*(2)* *Maximum education grant*	*(3)* *Normal flat rate when boarding not provided*	*(4)* *Additional flat rate for boarding (at designated duty stations)*	*(5)* *Maximum grant for staff members serving at designated duty stations*	*(6)* *Calculation for maximum admissible educational expenses (attendance only)*
Euro						
Austria	15 198	11 399	3 564	5 346	16 745	10 447
Belgium	14 446	10 835	3 366	5 049	15 884	9 959
Finland	9 082	6 812	2 543	3 815	10 627	5 692
France[a]	10 263	7 697	2 921	4 381	12 078	6 368
Germany	18 993	14 245	4 090	6 134	20 379	13 540
Ireland	17 045	12 784	2 945	4 417	17 201	13 119
Italy	17 215	12 911	2 965	4 447	17 358	13 261
Luxembourg	14 446	10 835	3 366	5 049	15 884	9 959
Monaco	10 263	7 697	2 921	4 381	12 078	6 368
Netherlands	15 440	11 580	3 814	5 721	17 301	10 355
Spain	13 762	10 322	2 992	4 488	14 810	9 773
Danish krone	108 147	81 110	24 715	37 072	118 182	75 193
Japanese yen	2 324 131	1 743 098	534 345	801 517	2 544 615	1 611 671
Swedish krona	141 026	105 770	23 490	35 235	141 005	109 707
Swiss franc	26 868	20 151	5 331	7 997	28 148	19 760
Pound sterling	18 285	13 714	3 326	4 989	18 703	13 851
United States dollar (in the United States of America)[b]	34 598	25 949	5 406	8 109	34 058	27 391
United States dollar (outside the United States of America)[c]	18 048	13 536	3 490	5 235	18 771	13 395

[a] Except for the following schools, where the US dollars in the United States levels will be applied: American School of Paris, American University of Paris, British School of Paris, European Management School of Lyon, International School of Paris and Marymount School of Paris.

[b] Also applies, as a special measure, for China, Indonesia and the Russian Federation.

[c] Includes Norway, which will no longer be tracked as a separate zone.